



Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 2024 - Year 5



Mathematics

The focus this term is...
Multiplication and division
Fractions, percentages and
decimals

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Spring Term! The children are excited about their swimming sessions and are also fortunate to be taught music by Mr Cole (linked to our Fair Trade topic) within this term.

February sees the return of the popular chocolate workshop (further information coming out shortly), then we launch into our Space topic and preparation for our sleepover in school to take place in mid-March.

Help from Home

As part of our topic, it would be useful for your child to read books about: **Fair Trade, The Mayans and Space**

You could visit:

Cadbury's World, York
Chocolate Story, National
Space Centre, Natural History
Museum

English

Our text in Destination Reader this half term is 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali. Q. Rauf. This links to our writing cycle as we draft a narrative based on the perspectives of a Syrian refugee as he settles into a new school.

In the second half term, we will be reading a non-fiction book linked to our theme of space. This supports our focus on writing biographies.

Science

The focus this term is...
Forces during the first half term and
Space in the second half term.
There will be plenty of investigations
and practical activities planned to
excite the children!

Topic

The focus this term is **Fair Trade**. We will look at the story behind the silk road before moving to the modern day by looking at trade links and Fair Trade farmers.

After half-term, we will be practising our historical skills by learning about The **Mayans** of Central America!

Key Dates

HALF TERM - 19th - 23rd February
2024

TERM ENDS - Thursday 28th March
2024

No school for children (P D Day)

Monday 26th February 2024

Chocolate workshop - Date TBC

Space sleepover - Friday 15th March

Useful Information

Homework will be set on Fridays and handed in on Wednesdays. There is also the expectation that pupils will complete their Reading Log and practise their times tables several times a week.

Pupils will be expected to have their swimming kit on Mondays and be in PE kit on Fridays to be taught by Mr. Nurse, as well as have their PE kit with them on days they attend a club. Miss Lewis will also cover teachers PPA time on Friday mornings.